

community was being a founding member of the Merrimack Repertory Theatre. Throughout forty years, the Theatre has operated as a world class venue that has attracted famous artists from around the world. Due to her grit and determination, working class families in the community were introduced to the wonderful world of arts and humanities. To this day, the Merrimack Repertory Theatre continues to be a cornerstone for the performing arts throughout the Merrimack Valley.

Nancy has lived an extraordinary life dedicated to service. Over the years, Nancy has given to countless local organizations and served on numerous boards that have positively impacted the Greater Lowell community. She was a longtime president of the Merrimack Repertory Theatre and chair of the Whistler House Museum of Art, and she has served and continues to serve on the boards of the New England Quilt Museum, the former Revolving and American Textile and History Museums, Lasell University, UMass Lowell, Enterprise Bank and so many more. She also played an integral role in the United Way of Mass Bay and Merrimack Valley, and the International Institute.

Throughout her life, Nancy has remained steadfast in her dedication to giving back to our community. She has worked tirelessly to make Lowell a better place to live and work. Nancy's contributions to the arts and humanities in Lowell has made a lasting impact on the City and will continue to be felt for generations to come. Tonight, Nancy will be honored by the Whistler House for her lifetime of service, and celebrated as the model for all who are seeking to live a life dedicated to making the world a better place.

Most importantly, Madam Speaker, Nancy is known for her love of her family and friends, the kindness she shows to those around her, her unbelievable humanitarianism and philanthropic work, and her immense pride in the Greater Lowell community. Her legacy is one that will prove unforgettable and everlasting in our City.

HONORING MICHAEL BAILEY FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Michael Bailey is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, who migrated to New York City in 1975. Mr. Bailey worked as a mainframe computer operator for the Chase Manhattan Bank and then as a LAN administrator for Credit Suisse First Boston before relocating to Poinciana in Osceola County, Florida.

Mr. Bailey has been a resident of Osceola County since 2000. He has served as secretary/treasurer of the Village One Association of the Association of Poinciana Villages.

He has been a board member of the Poinciana Youth Soccer Organization and served as the past president of the Caribbean & American Peoples Association. He has helped sponsor events and create an atmosphere that leads to respect and mutual understanding among the ethnic groups in his community.

Mr. Bailey's actions have helped identify, recognize, and support persons of Caribbean

ancestry residing in the Central Florida region. These efforts have also encouraged involvement with other groups to collectively spearhead projects that improve the quality of life in the community at large. Meanwhile, Mr. Bailey's actions have promoted multi-cultural events which complement CAPA efforts and enhance their values of contributing to educational and humanitarian needs as warranted.

Mr. Bailey also believes that successful movements are rooted in trust, and that trust is earned. He believes we are committed to earning trust by keeping the promises we make, practicing honesty and transparency in everything we do, and taking responsibility for our assumptions, words, and actions.

Mr. Bailey is presently employed by ATOS, Inc., a technology company where he works as a system technician.

He has been married to his lovely wife Geraldine for 26 years and, between them, they are parents to four children and 10 grandchildren.

HONORING CINDY REEDER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cindy Reeder. Cindy Reeder is an exceptional woman who won the award for Woman in the Workplace from the YWCA St. Joseph Awards Program.

Cindy Reeder is the Treatment Court Administrator for the Buchanan County 5th Judicial Circuit. Starting out as a clerk in Division 3, she willingly took on the additional responsibility of the program, along with her regular duties as a clerk. Over the years, she has been instrumental in developing the fluid process in which participants are referred to the program and has the responsibility of tracking all participant case information while on supervision. During her 21 years of service to the program, Cindy has continuously worked to improve the program to match both state and national levels and serves on the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals. Her continual dedication has made her effectively the heart and soul of her program.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Cindy for winning the Woman in the Workplace award as well as her hard work in serving the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Cindy Reeder in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING PHYLLIS EDWARDS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to acknowledge the exemplary leadership and commitment to service of Phyllis J. Edwards.

Phyllis has dedicated her work and time to protect and advocate for underrepresented communities within Michigan's 13th District, specifically senior citizens in Detroit. As exec-

utive director for Bridging Communities, a non-profit that focuses on improving the quality of life of seasoned citizens and their families, she received numerous accolades for her leadership and consistent advocacy on behalf of seniors' needs in Detroit. Bridging Communities has been steadfast in providing unique services, such as its community time bank and other programs that help create meaningful connections among neighbors. Prior to her executive position, Phyllis served as Social Service Program Manager for more than 30 years with the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services. She has become a pivotal member of the community through her extensive involvement as a board chair for Aging Services Consortium for Detroit, advisory board member for First Merchant Bank, national board member of the National Association of Nonprofit Organizations and Executives, and co-chair for the Detroit National Community Reinvestment Coalition.

In short, Phyllis Edwards has made an immeasurable impact on the lives of countless residents through her work. Her efforts to improve the quality of life for senior citizens attest to her love and passion for community-based work. Please join me in recognizing her many outstanding contributions to Michigan's 13th District Strong as we wish her well on the next chapter in her life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. NAVY HOSPITALMAN CHRISTOPHER GNEM

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of U.S. Navy Hospital corpsman Christopher Gnem, who died in a Marine landing craft accident off the coast of Southern California. Christopher, a hospital corpsman with Bravo Company, BLT 1/4, 15th, MEU, was among nine servicemembers who were killed in the accident.

Christopher was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Stockton, California. He is remembered by his family, and friends for his kind spirit and the positive impact he made on those around him.

Our community mourns the loss of Christopher, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Christopher selflessly chose to serve our Nation, and his commitment to our country will not be forgotten.

I ask my colleagues to remember Christopher Gnem and the brave men and women who place themselves in harm's way in service to our country.

HONORING NICOLE REID FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Nicole Reid was born on the beautiful island of Barbados. She migrated to New York at the age of 12,

where she attended junior high school and then went on to high school. Nicole relocated to Florida in 2003 and has an associate degree from Valencia Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Transformational Christian Ministry from Warner University, a Master of Education, and an educational specialist degree in leadership from Grand Canyon University.

Before relocating to Florida in 2003, Ms. Reid served her community by teaching a GED program for adults looking to obtain their GED. Ms. Reid went on to become the assistant director of said program.

She has served in education since 2004 in positions varying from extended day to paraprofessional, teacher, and currently dean of students. Ms. Reid believes that part of her purpose in life is to impact the lives of her students. As a teacher, she served as the sixth grade chair, sixth grade language arts PLC lead, and as the school's positive behavior intervention support coach.

Currently, Ms. Reid is not only a dean of students, but she also oversees the before-school tutoring program and will oversee the summer school programs as well. As an educator, Ms. Reid believes that it is very important to build positive relationships with students, their families, and the community.

Ms. Reid is an active member of the Caribbean and Floridian Association Inc. She served as the recording secretary on the executive board from 2015 to 2018 and has been serving as the vice president of the organization since 2019.

Ms. Reid has also served as co-chair for the finance/planning committee and was a member of the education committee.

As a member of the Caribbean and Floridian Association Inc., she has participated in many community events and outreach, such as the Caribbean Fusion Festival, the annual scholarship/community awards, and their annual turkey giveaway.

Ms. Reid is a strong supporter and has been a dedicated member of the Solid Rock Community Church since 2003. She currently serves as a minister in the church and as the assistant coordinator for the women's ministry. Currently, she serves as the assistant coordinator for the Florida State Women Connection Ministry of the Church of God.

Ms. Reid believes that with God, all things are possible. She is the mother of two beautiful angels, Nevaeh and Nyah. After God, they are the center of her life.

In 2020, God blessed her with an adult daughter, Pfallin Burton, who came to visit and stayed. She has become a part of her family and home. Ms. Reid's beliefs have allowed her to instill in her children that education is the key to success. These are the same beliefs that were instilled in her by her parents.

HONORING JANE FRICK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jane Frick. Jane is an exceptional woman who won the award for Lifetime Achievement from the YWCA St. Joseph Awards Program.

Jane Frick served as an English professor, department head, and Writing Project director at Missouri Western State University from 1972 to 2012. She published in state and national English and educational journals and made numerous state, regional, and national presentations at English and National Writing Project conferences. She also served as the Chair of the Missouri Humanities Council and President of the Missouri Folklore Association while at MWSU. Throughout the years, Jane has served this community in multiple ways on the St. Joseph School Board, 1984 to 1996; at First Christian Church (1971 to present; former Church Moderator and Elder); as a long-time member of the St. Joseph's Women's Press Club (former president); as a volunteer for Helen Washington's after-school program at the Bartlett Center, 2013 to 2014; and as a volunteer reader for the United Way. Her service in her community and dedication to education are worthy of this award and further commendation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Jane Frick for winning the Lifetime Achievement award as well as her hard work and service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Jane Frick in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DOWNRIVER LINKED GREENWAYS CHAIR ANITA TWARDESKY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anita Twardesky on the occasion of her retirement from the Downriver Linked Greenways, where she served as Chair for over two decades. Her years of service to the Downriver community and to our environment are worthy of commendation.

Ms. Twardesky is a Michigan native and a longtime environmental advocate in our community and previously worked as Recreation Director for the cities of Flat Rock and Woodhaven before starting as the Community Outreach Manager for Riverside Kayak Connection. The non-profit the Downriver Linked Greenways was launched in 1999 as a result of the Downriver Summit hosted by the late Congressman John Dingell. As Chair of the Greenways, Ms. Twardesky spearheaded multiple projects to extend the Downriver Linked Greenways trail system, including the embarking on the first Downriver trail project and the Detroit Heritage River Water Trail. Furthermore, she helped the organization become a 501(c)(3) and secured over \$15 million in funding for trail construction as well as gap analysis of the trail system. Her efforts have helped create over one hundred miles of trails in Downriver.

In addition to her role at the Downriver Linked Greenways, Ms. Twardesky has long been a leader in Downriver. She served on the Healthy Trenton Coalition and helped found the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance. Additionally, as the founder of Destination Downriver, she is actively changing the perception of Downriver and attracting new businesses and visitors to the area. Ms.

Twardesky's dedication to the evolution of Downriver and its community has not gone unnoticed, and in 2019, she was awarded the Women of Achievement Leadership Award from the Southern Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Outside of work, Ms. Twardesky has headed the "Go Impact" program through her church, Southpointe Church, which supports seniors and disabled community members with yard and residential clean ups. A passionate volunteer, she also assists in feeding and housing our neighbors that are experiencing homelessness. Ms. Twardesky resides in Flat Rock with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Anita Twardesky for her exemplary work at the Downriver Linked Greenways. I join with Ms. Twardesky's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to her for her tireless commitment to our community and to thank her for her role in Downriver's environmental and economic development. Though we will miss her passion for Downriver and for our wildlife, we wish her the very best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THUNDER BAY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE, INC.

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 40th Anniversary of Thunder Bay Community Health Service, Inc. (TBCHS) of northeast Michigan. Throughout their many years of service in healthcare, TBCHS has displayed steadfast devotion to their community and has become a crucial part of Michigan's First District.

Thunder Bay Community Health Service was founded in 1980 by a group of Michiganders motivated to create greater access to primary care services in the Great Lakes region. TBCHS opened their first clinic in Hillman, Michigan, in 1982 while also becoming a National Health Service Corporation solo practice. Today, they are a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center, allowing them to provide a broad variety of much-needed programs and services within rural areas.

Throughout the years, TBCHS has continued to expand—building facilities to support the people of Montmorency, Alpena, Cheboygan, Otsego, and Presque Isle Counties. Most recently, they opened their site in Fairview, adding Oscoda County to their community of care. TBCHS prides itself on offering services such as dental and general health to ensure their population can find proper care, creating healthier Michigan communities.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Thunder Bay Community Health Service, Inc. for decades of success and service to northeastern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.